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1. Information dated September 1950 states that widely publicized propaganda has been made relative to the amnesty of Etan Coko, who had previously been condemned to death, and is now being hailed as a good patriot for having revealed and renounced his former anti-Government activity.

2. On 15 September 1950, the second group of 30-to 50-year-olds was called for three months' training. [redacted] 1,500 men were assembled in an unspecified area\* and transported to Vigne.

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3. From 8 to 15 September 1950, 300 horses and mules were requisitioned by the Army in the Vurg region and turned over to the Border Guard battalion at Sopik. The animals, which were not accompanied by their owners, were used to transport barbed wire, iron poles, and anti-personnel mines to Konispol, Theollogo and Leshnice, where the above materials are presently stored. It is rumored that the materials are to be used to fortify the Albanian-Greek border from the sea to the Murgana mountain range. Up to 28 September 1950, however, no such work had been started.

4. An unconfirmed report states that between 10 and 20 September 1950, there was a small band of guerrillas of undetermined number in the Glinar vicinity.

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